(c) if so, the reasons for issuing the second advertisment in such a quick succession and whether Government propose to take steps to first absorb all the persons who cleared interview against the first advertisement?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Six posts of Scientist 'B' were advertised *vide* advertisement No. 58 for Electrical Engineering. Five candidates were found suitable. Appointment letters/selection letters have been issued to all the five selected candidates.

(c) The subsequent advertisement No. 59 was issued after gap of eight months (since the issue of Add. No. 58 in February 2001) for additional 11 vacancies.

Encroachment of Secunderabad Cantonment land

3244. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some land of the Secunderabad Cantonment is subject to encroachment;

(b) if so, what action has been taken to reclaim the land; and

(c) what special measures are being taken to ensure security of the Defence Zone in view of the growing residential colonies in the surroundings?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action has been initiated under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupation (PPE) Act, 1971 for vacation of encroached land. The courts have granted stay of eviction proceedings in some cases.

(c) Keeping in view the growing residential colonies, appropriate security measures have been taken to ensure the security of defence establishments. It will not be in the interest of security to disclose these measeures.

Deployment of troops in border areas

3245. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to withdraw the deployment of our armed forces from the border areas;